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SUBJECT: COUNTERVAILING DUTY INVESTIGATION -
TOMATO PRODUCTS FROM ITALY

REF: STATE 299227

1. EMBASSY ADVISED BY ITALIAN MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE THAT
SUBSIDY PROVISIONS OF DECREES 365 AND 485 HAVE NOT REPEAT NOT
BEEN IMPLEMENTED BECAUSE (A) THE SEVERAL CONDITIONS OF ELI-
GIBILITY FOR THE SUBSIDIES WERE NOT MET BY ITALIAN TOMATO
PROCESSORS, AND (B) ARTICLES 2 AND 3 OF THE DECREES (THOSE
PROVIDING FOR THE SUBSIDY) APPLIED ONLY TO THE CROP OF 1975.

2. INFO IN PARA (1) AND CORROBARATED IN TELEGRAM DATED DEC-
EMBER 4, 1976 FROM MINAG TO FORMIN, MIN FOREIGN TRADE, MIN-
IND, AND ITALIAN REPRESENTATIVE BRUSSELS. TRANSLATION OF THE
PERTINENT PARAGRAPHS FOLLOWS:

"WE POINT OUT, AMONG OTHER THINGS, THAT, MEASURES FORESEEN
BY ARTICLES 2 AND 3 OF THE MENTIONED DECREE-LAW, WERE NOT
ACTUALLY IMPLEMENTED, BECAUSE CANNERS DID NOT COMPLY WITH
REQUIRED QUANTITY TO BE PROCESSED AND PRICES TO BE PAID TO
GROWERS.

WE REMIND FINALLY, THAT THE MENTIONED SUBSIDIES WERE RESTRIC-
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TED TO THE 1975 PROCESSING SEASON, THAT IS OVER."

COPIES OF THE COMPLETE TRANSLATION OF THE TELEGRAM WILL BE
POUCHED ASAP TO STATE, TREAS AND AGRIC.

3. IN VIEW OF SHORT 1976 CROP PROCESSING TOMATOES AND MUCH
IMPROVED PRICE SITUATION FOR 1976 PACK, ITALY'S EXPORTS ARE
EXPECTED TO DECLINE AND ITS IMPORTS INCREASE.

4. THERE WERE EC RESTITUTIONS FOR 1975 PACK PROCESSED TOMA-
TOES TO NON- US DESTINATIONS. A SIMILAR PROGRAM APPLIES TO
THE 1976 PACK. BEAUDRY

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